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To: [Name No. 9], [i] VORONTsOV. [ii]

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The Naval Staff [Q% has given] an answer to my letters about the system for passing documentary information only through my representatives. In a personal conversation the Director of Naval Intelligence said:

"It is essential for us to talk to the captains and crews direct. We shall get more that way. We get similar information from the vessels of all Allied and neutral countries. The interrogation of crews of neutral vessels [3 groups unrecovered]. The Director of the F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation) insists that the control procedure (search etc.) should be applied rigidly to your ships as neutrals. [iii] If their captains refuse, as hitherto, to make the information available to us

[204 groups unrecovered and unrecoverable]

No. 603

EGORICHEV [iv]

Note : [a] Not available

Comments : [i] Name No. 9 : Unidentified
 [ii] VORONTsOV : Possibly Mikhail Alekseevich VORONTsOV, who by 1952 had become Chief of Naval Staff
 [iii] i.e. neutral vis-à-vis Japan
 [iv] EGORICHEV : Soviet Naval Attache in WASHINGTON

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